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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: JACQUES PIRET ET AL.

FOR: METHOD FOR PROTECTING A TUYERE ASSEMBLY AND A  
REFRACTORY LINING OF A FURNACE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the indicated application, please enter and consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification**, beginning on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims**, beginning on page 3;

**Amendments to the Abstract**, beginning on page 5; and

**Remarks** beginning on page 6.